GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Budget for Malnutrition Programme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has slashed budget allocation for various programmes to fight malnutrition among women and children in the country. If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the budget allocation made under such programmes during each of the last three years and the current year;
(b) the impact of reduction in budget on programmes under implementation to fight malnutrition in the country including payment of wages to workers engaged in implementation of such programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to fight malnutrition among women and children in view of slash in budget allocation thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) In the backdrop of substantial higher devolution of taxes of 42% to the States to give more flexibility to States in implementation of Schemes, the cost sharing ratio for all component of ICDS, except Supplementary Nutrition, has been revised to 60:40 between the Centre and States (90:10 for the 8 North-Eastern States and 3 Himalayan States) and 100% central share for UT Administrations. During 2015-16, the initial allocation of Rs.8335.77 crores for ICDS and Rs.75.50 crores for SABLA have been increased to Rs.15,485.77 crores and Rs.475.50 crores respectively through Supplementary Grants. Year-wise budgetary allocation under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and SABLA schemes during the last three years and current year is annexed.

(b) &(c) The funds provided under ICDS and Sabla Schemes are sufficient to implement the Schemes considering the revised cost norms by the Ministry of Finance.
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